

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 7-9 and 12 are amended. Claims 10 and 11 are canceled. Claims 13 – 16 have been added. Claims 1-9 and 12-16 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended the specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.77(b).

It is asserted in the Office Action that the disclosure is objected to because, on page 2, line 24, the word “lining zones” requires clarification and correction. Applicant has made the necessary correction to the disclosure by amending the words “lining zone”, namely replacing “lining zone” with the word --cabin--.

Claims 7-9 and 12 are objected to, under 37 CFR § 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend on a multiple dependent claim. Applicant has amended claims 7-9 and 12 to overcome the 37 CFR § 1.75(c) objection.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 37 CFR § 1.75(c) objection for claims 7-9 and 12 is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner’s assertion in the Office Action that claims 1-6 and 10-11 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been complied with and the subject application is now in condition for allowance, which early Action is requested.

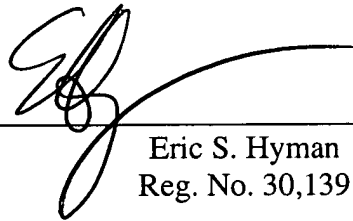
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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